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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

Figure 2 has been deleted.

Attachment

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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1-8 stand rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1-8 are cancelled, thus obviating the objections and rejections to the claims. Claims 9-12 are added. These claims are directed to Figure 1 of the specification as originally filed and is supported for example at page 3, line 7 through page 4, line 20 of the original specification. These claims do not add new matter. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the claims be entered and examined.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-8 are objected to for containing informalities. As noted above, this objections is obviated by the cancellation of claims 1-8.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. This rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claims 1-8.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Office Action at page 6, paragraph 6, sets forth "Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watson et al. (US 6,504,733)."

As noted above, this rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claims 1-8.

Applicant has amended the specification to remove reference to Fig. 2. For convenience and clarity, applicant provides herewith a substitute specification in both clean and marked-up versions illustrating this deletion. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests therefore that the substitute specification be entered.

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In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, applicant submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Substitute Specification

Marked Up Version of Specification

Figure 1 (1 sheet)

Abstract

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